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1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF APRIL 25 CONTAINS
FRONT-PAGE STORY AND EDITORIAL EXPLAINING SERIOUS
FINANCIAL SITUATION CONFRONTING SERVICE CORPORATIONS
OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) FOLLOWING ANNOUNCE-
MENT THAT WEEK-END MEETING TO RESOLVE FINANCIAL
ISSUES HAD BEEN POSTPONED BY EAC BECAUSE OF "UNFORE-
SEEN CIRCUMSTANCES." UNDER HEADLINE "EAA (EAST
AFRICAN AIRWAYS) MAY GRIND TO HALT," NEWSPAPER EXPLAINS
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FAILURE OF EAC MEMBERS TO REACH FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

AFTER SEVERAL MEETINGS (SEE REFTELS) HAS PLACED AIRLINE IN SITUATION THAT WILL REQUIRE IT TO "GROUND ITS FLEET AT MIDNIGHT TOMORROW BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS TO BUY JET FUEL."

2. EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT PLANS TO HOLD JOINT MEETING OF EAC COMMUNICATIONS AND FINANCE COUNCILS, TO RESOLVE FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, WENT AWRY BECAUSE OF UGANDANS. APPARENTLY GOU DID NOT PARTICIPATE AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING IN MOMBASA AS IT "WANTED MORE TIME TO STUDY FRESH PROPOSALS." DAILY NEWS NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT GENERAL AMIN "WAS QUOTED BY RADIO UGANDA AS SAYING THAT HE WOULD NOT SANCTION THE TRANSFER OF ANY FUNDS FROM UGANDA BEFORE AN AUTHORITY MEETING TAKES PLACE."

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF SPOKE EARLIER IN WEEK TO SENIOR MINFIN OFFICIAL (KITOMARI) WHO OBSERVED THAT AMIN APPARENTLY MIFFED THAT HE WAS NOT INVITED TO NYERERE/KENYATTA MEETING ON APRIL 14. IN MEANTIME MANY OF FINANCIAL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AND KITOMARI SEEMED FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT APRIL 25-26 MEETING MIGHT WELL HAVE PATCHED SOME AGREE-MENT TOGETHER THAT WOULD RELIEVE MOST PRESSING FINANCIAL ISSUES. APART FROM AMIN'S SUDDEN OBSTREPEROUSNESS, RELATIONS WITHIN COMMUNITY APPEAR TO BE MUCH EASIER THAN BEFORE. FOR EXAMPLE, TANZANIA HAS QUITLY RETIRED QUARRELSOME MANAGER OF TANZANIAN DIVISION OF EA RAILWAYS RECENTLY. NEW MANAGER TOLD EMBOFF THIS WEEK THAT HIS WORKING RELATIONS WITH HIS KENYAN COUNTERPARTS VERY SATISFACTORY ALTHOUGH FINANCIAL PROBLEMS HAVE CUASED MILD "POISONING OF ATMOSPHERE."
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